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SUBJECT: QADHAFI DISCUSSES THE U.S., MUHAYSHI, BEDOUINS, AND THE
UNIVERSITY IN SPEECH APRIL 5

SUMMARY: IN A LONG SPEECH TO A TRIBAL AUDIENCE, THE LATEST
IN A SERIES HE HAS BEEN GIVING TO COUNTER THE EFFECTS OF
TUNISIAN AND EGYPTIAN RADIO ATTACKS, QADHAFI DISCUSSED
MUHAYSHI AT SOME LENGTH. HE ADMITTED THAT HE -- OR
RATHER THE FREE UNIONIST OFFICERS -- HAD SENT SOLDIERS
TO EGYPT AND TUNISIA AFTER MUHAYSHI, BUT DENIED THEY HAD
BEEN ON MISSIONS OF SABOTAGE OR ASSASSINATION. THEIR SOLE
TARGET HAD BEEN MUHAYSHI. EFFORTS TO PUNISH MUHAYSHI FOR
HIS TREASON WOULD CONTINUE, AND ANY COUNTRY WOULD DO THE
SAME. IF THE AMERICANS INVADE LIBYA, THEY WILL FIND IT
ROUGHGOING. THE BEDOUIN TRIBES WOULD BE REORGANIZED
AND ARMED. THE UNIVERSITY MUST BE CLEANED OUT, AS THERE
WERE REACTIONARY ELEMENTS IN IT. HE WOULD LEAD THIS
EFFORT PERSONALLY. FORCE WOULD BE USED. END SUMMARY

1. QADHAFI'S SPEECH EVENING OF APRIL 5 IN VILLAGE NEAR

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BENGHAZI WAS LATEST (AND LONGEST) IN A SERIES OF

SPEECHES HE AND JALLUD ARE MAKING TO COUNTER THE EFFECTS OF EGYPTIAN AND TUNISIAN RADIO ATTACKS ON THE REGIME AND TO SHORE UP POPULAR SUPPORT. QADHAFI SPOKE TO BEDOUIN TRIBES IN SULUQ, WHICH WAS THE SITE OF A CONCENTRATION CAMP IN THE 1920'S WHERE BEDOUIN HERO, OMAR-AL-MUKHTAR, WAS HUNG BY THE ITALIANS.

2. QADHAFI BEGAN BY RECALLING THIS HISTORY. BEDOUIN TRIBES HAD BEEN BETRAYED AND DISARMED BY THE SANUSI PRINCES. IT WAS THE TRIBES WHO HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THE REVOLUTION. LIBYA WAS A BEDOUIN SOCIETY, ALL LIBYANS HAD A TRIBAL ORIGIN.

3. IMPERIALISM HAD WON A GREAT VICTORY OVER THE REVOLUTION, QADHAFI SAID, BY RECRUITING OMAR MUHAYSHI AS AN AGENT. IT WAS NECESSARY TO ADMIT THIS. HE WAS FRANK, UNLIKE THE EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP, WHICH HAD NEVER TOLD EGYPTIANS HOW CLOSE THE "JEWS" HAD COME TO CAIRO IN THE 1973 WAR. HE AND ABDASLAM AND BASHIR (MAJORS JALLUA AND HAWWADI) HAD GONE TO CAIRO IN FATIGUE UNIFORMS READY TO DEFEND EGYPT DURING THE WAR AND HAD SEEN THIS FOR THEMSELVES. IF THE WEAPONS AT EGYPT'S DISPOSAL HAD BEEN USED SERIOUSLY, THE ENEMY COULD HAVE BEEN FINISHED OFF, BUT IT HAD ALL BEEN PLAY-ACTING.

4. IN ANY CASE, FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE HAD TORN THE RCC APART BY RECRUITING MUHAYSHI. OF COURSE, THERE WAS A POSITIVE SIDE TO THIS. THE ENEMY'S DESPERATE EFFORTS SHOWED HOW SERIOUSLY THEY TOOK THE REVOLUTION. HE HAD A SECRET REPORT, AS A MATTER OF FACT, FROM AN AGENT IN LIBYA TO HIS GOVERNMENT, WHICH WARNED THAT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN LIBYA WAS UNUSUAL. THE WEST HAD BETTER WATCH OUT.

5. IT WAS PSYCHOLOGICALLY HARD FOR HIM TO TALK ABOUT MUHAYSHI, SAID QADHAFI. I ADMIT THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM. HE WAS ONE OF US. IT IS BITTER TO HEAR CAIRO RADIO PRESENTING HIM. WE USED TO WONDER HOW REPORTS ON CLOSED SESSIONS OF THE RCC REACHED CAIRO, ROME, AND LONDON, WE EVEN HAD GENERAL INTELLIGENCE CHECK THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RCC PHONE LINES AND SWEEP RCC HEADQUARTERS FOR LISTENING DEVICES, BUT THEY FOUND NOTHING. NOW WE KNOW WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.

6. I CANNOT SPEAK ANY MORE ABOUT MUHAYSHI, AS RCC CHAIRMAN. I HAVE TRANSFERRED HIS FILE TO THE COUNTER-ESPIONAGE SECTION OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE, WHICH WILL BRING CHARGES AGAINST HIM. HE WILL BE TRIED AS A SPY

BEFORE A COURT MARTIAL. HE HAS BEEN GIVING THE ENEMY NATIONAL SECURITY SECRETS ABOUT THE ARMED FORCES, THEIR DEFENSIVE POTENTIAL, AND STRATEGIC RESERVES. THIS IS OBVIOUS TO THE WHOLE WORLD, WHICH CAN LISTEN TO HIS RADIO BROADCASTS.

7. OF COURSE, WHETHER THIS INFORMATION IS ACCURATE OR NOT IS ANOTHER MATTER. MAYBE HE IS GIVING THE ENEMY ACCURATE INFORMATION IN SECRET AND BROADCASTING OTHER INFORMATION. IN ANY CASE, HIS STATEMENT THAT THE AIR FORCE IS DISINTEGRATED AND THAT WEAPONS ARE PILING UP, AND WHAT HE HAS SAID ABOUT MILITARY TRAINING IS A CRIME. IT ENCOURAGES THE ENEMY TO ATTACK US. THE VERDICT OF THE COURT MARTIAL WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

8. I HOPE, SAID QADHAFI, THAT A REPORT PROVIDED TO ME RECENTLY BY EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE IS TRUE. THE REPORT SAID HE SUFFERS FROM LOSS OF MEMORY AND HAS BACK PAINS. A DOCTOR HAS COME TO TREAT HIM, PROBABLY A PSYCHIATRIST. IF THIS REPORT IS TRUE, WE WILL LIGHTEN HIS SENTENCE. HE HAS SHAMED HIMSELF, SHAMED US AND SHAMED HIS FAMILY. WE ARE NOT VINDICTIVE. ALL LIBYANS WHO FLED THE COUNTRY AFTER THE REVOLUTION CAN COME BACK. THEY ARE HONORABLE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE USED BY FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

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9. WE DID NOTHING AGAINST EGYPT AND TUNISIA, QADHAFI SAID. IF WE DID SEND SABOTEURS, AS THEY ACCUSE US OF DOING, THEN THE TUNISIAN AND EGYPTIAN PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO BLAME US. THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO COMBAT REACTIONARY REGIMES. THE TRUTH IS, OF EGYPTIAN AND TUNISIAN PEOPLE, THAT THE FREE UNIONIST OFFICERS DECIDED ON THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW MUHAYSHI AND PUNISH HIM AS A TRAITOR. WE KNEW THERE WERE POLITICAL DANGERS INVOLVED IN THIS COURSE. THERE ARE ALWAYS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES TO EVERYTHING. WE WILL BEAR THEM. THE FREE UNIONIST OFFICERS WERE RIGHT TO DO WHAT THEY DID. I DO NOT BLAME THEM. THEY SENT THREE SOLDIERS TO TUNISIA AFTER MUHAYSHI AND, WHEN HE FLED TO CAIRO, THEY DID THE SAME THING. THEY WERE SOLDIERS, NOT MERCENARIES. THE FREE UNIONIST OFFICERS ARE STILL DETERMINED TO FOLLOW MUHAYSHI AND FINISH HIM OFF.

10. THE TUNISIANS SAY WE WANTED TO KILL BOURGUIBA. IF WE HAD WANTED TO DO THAT, WE COULD HAVE KILLED HIM WHEN HE VISITED HERE. HE CALLED ME FROM THE GUEST
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PALACE WHEN HE WAS HERE AND SAID THERE IS A BOMB, OR A LISTENING DEVICE, OR SOMETHING UNDER MY BED. I WENT OVER TO SEE HIM, AND WE HAD TUNISIAN LAND LIBYAN ENGINEERS COME, AND THEY TOLD HIM NOT TO WORRY, IT WAS JUST A TELEPHONE. STILL HE WAS SUSPICIOUS. HE WAS RIGHT. HE IS A GOOD MAN.

11. WHY DON'T THEY TELL THE TUNISIAN PEOPLE THIS, FOR EXAMPLE. THERE WAS FIGHTING IN OUR STREETS WHEN TUNISIAN INTELLIGENCE TRIED TO KILL A FELLOW NAMED MOSTARI, WE FOUND EXPLOSIVES. BUT WE DIDN'T ANNOUNCE IT ON THE RADIO. WE PUT MOSTARI UNDER INCREASED GUARD AND TOLD TUNISIAN INTELLIGENCE TO STOP TRYING TO KILL HIM AS THEY KILLED SALAH BEN YOUSSEF. THE TUNISIAN REGIME IS PLAYING WITH FIRE BY WITHDRAWING TUNISIAN, WORKERS, MAKING THEM PAY THE PRICE FOR THE LIES OF THEIR GOVERNMENT.

12. THE EGYPTIAN RADIO -- YOU HAVE HEARD IT -- ACCUSES LIBYANS OF GOING TO ROME AND BAGHDAD, AND MARS FOR ALL I KNOW, FOR TERRORISM. IT IS UP TO THEM IF THEY WANT TO RUIN RELATIONS WITH US. IF THEY THREATEN WAR, WE WILL MAKE WAR ON THEM. YOU LIBYAN MASSES CALLED FOR

MUHAYSHI'S EXECUTION AT RALLIES FOR THREE MONTHS THIS FALL. HE WOULD BE EXECUTED BY ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. THE RALLY IN TRIPOLI, AND THE MARCH TODAY, SHOWS HOW CLOSE LIBYANS ARE TO THEIR LEADERSHIP.

13. (QADHAFI THEN LAUNCHED INTO A LONG JUSTIFICATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE REVOLUTION IN HOUSING, AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY WHICH NEED NOT BE REHEARSED HERE.)

14. SADAT SAID YESTERDAY THAT LIBYANS CANNOT USE MODERN RUSSIAN WEAPONS, QADHAFI CONTINUED. THOSE WHO ATTACK MU'AMMAR ATTACK YOU, THE MASSES. WE AREN'T AFRAID, LET AMERICA INVADE US. EVERY LIBYAN HAS A WEAPON. THE ONLY DANGER IS TRAITORS. THERE WERE TRAITORS IN THE PROPHET'S TIME, TOO. (QADHAFI QUOTED HERE A SURAH FROM THE KORAN ABOUT HYPOCRITES.) WHILE AMERICANS WILL FIND IT HARD FOR THEM IN LIBYA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ITALIANS WOULD HAVE DIED OF THIRST IF IT WEREN'T FOR LIBYAN TRAITORS. IF THEY USE THE ATOMIC BOMB, THE DESERT IS SPARSELY SETTLED. IN 1945 THEY DROPPED TWO ATOMIC BOMBS ON JAPAN, AND THE WHOLE WORLD HATES THEM TODAY. THE JAPANESE HATE THEM. IN VIETNAM THEIR SOLDIERS RAN AWAY. THE AMERICANS KNOW WE WANT TO LIBERATE PALESTINE.

15. TURNING TO THE UNIVERSITY, QADHAFI SAID THAT FOREIGN AGENTS HAD SPREAD THE LIE THAT FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN OR MORE STUDENTS HAD BEEN KILLED IN BENGHAZI (IN JANUARY). LIBYAN STUDENTS ABROAD WERE RECRUITED TO SPREAD THIS LIE. THE STAR OF DAVID WAS FLOWN OVER OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON -- THIS SHOWS WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE. NOT A SINGLE STUDENT WAS KILLED IN THE UNIVERSITY. IT IS TIME TO PURGE THE UNIVERSITY OF REACTIONARY RIGHTISTS. BEGINNING TOMORROW, YOU BAGHADAI (TO THE HEAD OF THE STUDENT UNION) WILL GO TO TRIPOLI. I WILL LEAD THIS MYSELF. SOME STUDENTS DESERVE SCHOLARSHIPS, OTHERS TO HAVE THEIR THROATS CUT. THE UNIVERSITIES MUST NOT BE NESTS OF REACTION INSIDE THE COUNTRY. WHEN WE TOOK AWAY THE SCHOLARSHIPS OF SOME STUDENTS, THEIR BOURGEOIS FAMILIES CAME CRYING TO ME. WE MUST BRING THE REVOLUTION TO THE UNIVERSITY BY FORCE.

16. QADHAFI ENDED ON HIS BEDOUIN THEME. BEDOUINS WERE THE REAL LIBYANS. HE WAS GOING TO REORGANIZE THE TRIBES AND GIVE THEM WEAPONS, WITHIN THE POPULAR RESISTANCE, SO THEY COULD DEFEND THEIR LAND AND HONOR AGAINST TRAITORS.

17. QADHAFI'S REFERENCES IN THE SPEECH TO MUHAYSHI'S
CONTACTS WITH LOCKHEED HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN SEPARATE
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